

### REMARKS

Applicant respectfully traverses and requests reconsideration.

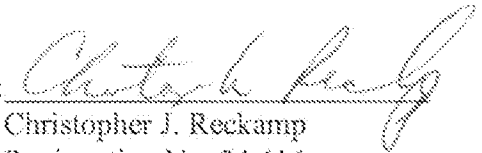
The office action indicates that all independent claims would be allowable if the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 are overcome. Applicant respectfully traverses, but to expedite prosecution, has amended the independent claims consistent with allowable subject matter. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance.

The dependent claims also add additional novel and non-obvious subject matter.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is invited to contact the below-listed attorney if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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